



218 New Britain Road

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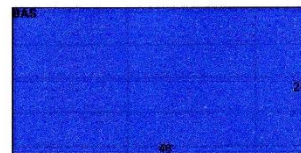
1985 Townwide Historic and Architectural Survey of Berlin, Connecticut. Survey # 116

1945 New Britain Road Garage current owners: James & Ronald Newman

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1950 current owner: 100 Harding Holdings

sketch



HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES
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#116

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM:	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT	IF NR, SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common)		(Historic)	
New Britain Road Garage		Gulf Station	
2. TOWN/CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
Berlin		Hartford	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)			
218 New Britain Road 3-3/24A/44			
4. OWNER(S)		Jameson Realty	
Newman, Ronald F.		2005 Wilbur Cross Hwy., Berlin 06037	
5. USE (Present)		(Historic)	
Garage		Garage	

DESCRIPTION

6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:		EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD		INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE		IF YES, EXPLAIN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				Gas station/garage, business hours	
7. STYLE OF BUILDING						DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
International Style						c. 1945	
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)							
<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Brick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) porcelainized steel				
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone					
<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten	<input type="checkbox"/> Stucco	<input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone					
<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type:					
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM							
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood frame		<input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam		<input type="checkbox"/> balloon			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel					
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)							
10. ROOF (Type)							
<input type="checkbox"/> Gable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flat	<input type="checkbox"/> Mansard	<input type="checkbox"/> Monitor	<input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth			
<input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Hip	<input type="checkbox"/> Round	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)			
(Material)							
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/> Tin	<input type="checkbox"/> Slate	<input type="checkbox"/> Gable end to the street			
<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Built up	<input type="checkbox"/> Tile	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) not visible	<input type="checkbox"/> Ridge parallel to the street			
11. NUMBER OF STORIES		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS					
1		48' x 28'					
12. CONDITION (Structural)							
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	(Exterior)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated				
13. INTEGRITY (Location)		WHEN *		(Alterations)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES		IF YES, EXPLAIN					
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Garage	<input type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house	<input type="checkbox"/> Shop	<input type="checkbox"/> Garden					
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT							
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential	<input type="checkbox"/> Scattered building's visible from site				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial	<input type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density				
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS							

In a highly built-up area of New Britain Road just south of the town line.

DESCRIPTION (Continued)	17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)	
	<p>The New Britain Garage is a porcelainized steel filling station erected by the Gulf Oil Company about 1953. While the Gulf logo has been removed, the service and office bays and much of the original blue signage and trim are intact. The office is located at the left corner of the facade behind large plate-glass windows, two service bays are found to the right, and the left elevation has two restrooms.</p>	
SIGNIFICANCE	18. ARCHITECT	BUILDER
	<p>19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE</p> <p>Faced with the need to erect large numbers of inexpensive, functional and widely-scattered buildings, that would be instantly recognizable to travelers, oil companies were among the first to embrace the clean lines and smooth surfaces of the International Style. A common sight only 15 years ago, these stations of the 1930s, 40s and 50s have become increasingly rare. Many have been torn down or remodelled for other uses and following the energy crises of the 1970s, oil companies seem to be placing little emphasis on developing characteristic company architecture. Similar to the more rectilinear 1937 Walter Teague design for Texaco, this Gulf design is distinguished by its rounded "streamlined" corners, a reference to the Art Moderne style of the 1930s.</p>	
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20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS	